

## Unit 6 — The Internet



### **ARPANET (Advanced Projects Research Agency Network)**

developed by the US military for defense purposes, this was the first global network with packet switching

"The current public Internet owes a big debt to ARPANET, which was the original global network."

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### **Backbone**

a central high speed network that connects smaller, independent networks

"Homeland Security is worried that an attack on the Internet backbone could cripple the country for weeks or months."

### **BBS (Bulletin Board System)**

a predecessor to modern websites, these were early online communities that users could dial into using a modem

"The network administrator ran his own BBS as a boy back in the 1980s."

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